

1 the restriction back in that we were trying to take out.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: What I was thinking, suppose the  
3 General Assembly wants to pass a general law forbidding  
4 Counties of Maryland from entering into contractual arrange-  
5 ments with Counties of another State.

6 MR. CLAGETT: It could do so now under a  
7 general public law.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but if you put this pro-  
9 vision in, are you throwing doubt on the power of the  
10 General Assembly to enact prohibitory legislation?

11 MR. CLAGETT: No.

12 MR. CASE: I wouldn't think so.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

14 JUDGE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, in view of the  
15 answer to your earlier two direct questions, whether or  
16 not there was anything in the Constitution which cast  
17 any doubt on this power, the answer was no, why do we  
18 confuse what appears to be a clear situation with this  
19 language, which in my judgment can only serve to cloud  
20 the issue? Why do we --

21 MR. CASE: Just for emphasis. That is the